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AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of claims:

Claims 1 and 2 (Canceled).

Claim 3 (Currently amended). A method for treating [breast carcinoma,] rheumatoid arthritis, osteoarthritis, or heart failure, the method comprising administering to a patient suffering from [breast carcinoma,] rheumatoid arthritis, osteoarthritis, or heart failure a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Formula III

$$R^{4}$$
 R^{5} R^{1} R^{4} R^{5} R^{4} R^{5}

wherein:

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R¹, R², and R³ independently are hydrogen, halo, hydroxy, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, C₂-C₆ alkenyl, C₂-C₆ alkynyl, NO₂, NR⁴R⁵, CN, or CF₃;

R⁴ and R⁵ independently are (CH₂)_n heterocyclyl, (CH₂)_n heteroaryl, or

R⁴ and R⁵ when taken together with the nitrogen to which they are
attached complete a 3- to 8-membered ring, optionally containing a
heteroatom selected from O, S, or NH, and optionally substituted
or unsubstituted;

n is an integer from 0 to 6; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Claims 4 and 5 (Cancelled).

Claim 6 (Currently amended). A method for treating [breast carcinoma,] rheumatoid arthritis, osteoarthritis, or heart failure, the method comprising administering to a patient suffering from [breast carcinoma,] rheumatoid arthritis, osteoarthritis, or heart failure a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Formula VI

$$R^4O$$
 NR^4R^5
 NR^4R^5

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein:

R¹, R², and R³ independently are hydrogen, halo, hydroxy, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, C₂-C₆ alkenyl, C₂-C₆ alkynyl, NO₂, NR⁴R⁵, CN, or CF₃;

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R⁴ and R⁵ independently are (CH₂)_n heterocyclyl, (CH₂)_n heteroaryl, or

R⁴ and R⁵ when taken together with the nitrogen to which they are
attached complete a 3- to 8-membered ring, optionally containing a
heteroatom selected from O, S, or NH, and optionally substituted
or unsubstituted; and

n is an integer from 0 to 6.

Claim 7 (Currently amended).

A compound selected from the group

consisting of:

Isophthalic acid di-(2,1,3-benzothiadiazol-5-yl) methyl ester; 4-Methoxy-isophthalic acid dipyridin-4-ylmethyl ester; N.N'-Bis-1,3-benzodioxol-5-ylmethyl-4-methoxy-isophthalamide; N-1,3-Benzodioxol-5-ylmethyl-N'-furan-2-ylmethyl-isophthalamide; 4-Methoxy-isophthalic acid di-2,1,3-benzothiadiazol-5-ylmethyl ester; N1,N3-Bis-1,3-benzodioxol-5-ylmethyl-4-ethoxy-isophthalamide; [N1,N3-Bis-1,3-benzodioxol-5-ylmethyl-4-ethoxy-isophthalamide;] N1-1,3-Benzodioxol-5-ylmethyl-N3-pyridin-3-ylmethyl-isophthalamide; N1,N3-Bis-1,3-benzodioxol-5-ylmethyl-4-isopropoxy-isophthalamide; 4-Amino-N1,N3-bis-1,3-benzodioxol-5-ylmethyl-isophthalamide; 4-Acetylamino-N1,N3-bis-1,3-benzodioxol-5-ylmethyl-isophthalamide; N1-1,3-Benzodioxol-5-ylmethyl-N3-pyridin-3-ylmethyl-isophthalamide; IN1.N3-Bis-1,3-benzodioxol-5-ylmethyl-4-ethoxy-isophthalamide;] N1,N3-Bis-1,3-benzodioxol-5-ylmethyl-4-propoxy-isophthalamide; and [N1,N3-Bis-1,3-benzodioxol-5-ylmethyl-4-isopropoxy-isophthalamide;] N1,N3-Bis-2,1,3-benzothiadiazol-5-ylmethyl-4-methoxy-isophthalamide[;

4-Methoxy-isophthalic acid di-2,1,3-benzothiadiazol-5-ylmethyl ester].

Claims 8 to 17 (Cancelled).

and

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Claim 18 (Currently amended). A compound of Formula III

$$R^{2}$$
 R^{3}
 R^{1}
 $R^{4}R^{5}N$
 $NR^{4}R^{5}$

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wherein:

R¹, R², and R³ independently are hydrogen, halo, hydroxy, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, C₂-C₆ alkenyl, C₂-C₆ alkynyl, NO₂, NR⁴R⁵, CN, or CF₃;

R⁴ and R⁵ independently are (CH₂)_n heterocyclyl, (CH₂)_n heteroaryl, or

R⁴ and R⁵ when taken together with the nitrogen to which they are
attached complete a 3- to 8-membered ring, optionally containing a
heteroatom selected from O, S, or NH, and optionally substituted
or unsubstituted;

n is an integer from 0 to 6; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof. 10/075,918 -7 - Barvian et al.

Claim 19 (Previously presented). A pharmaceutical composition, comprising a compound of Claim 18, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, admixed with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, diluent, or excipient.

Claim 20 (Canceled).

- Claim 21 (Previously presented). A method for treating rheumatoid arthritis, the method comprising administering to a patient suffering from rheumatoid arthritis a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 18, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.
- Claim 22 (Previously presented). A method for treating osteoarthritis, the method comprising administering to a patient suffering from osteoarthritis a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 18, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.
- Claim 23 (Previously presented). A method for treating heart failure, the method comprising administering to a patient suffering from heart failure a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 18, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.